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“Entrepreneurship can’t be taught, but we can unleash it” Small Business Week program opens at Renaissance Convention Center

ORANJESTAD -- The tradition of providing guidance and vital information to encourage small businesses on Aruba was initiated last year with a highly successful symposium during the Global Small Business Week. Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar again welcomed island business people for a five day program of lectures, workshops and panel discussion aimed at stimulating entrepreneurship on Aruba.

The opening segment, yesterday morning, featured an analysis by Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar of Aruba’s present small business situation. She revealed plans by her ministry to improve conditions for their establishment, and actions which aid and encourage

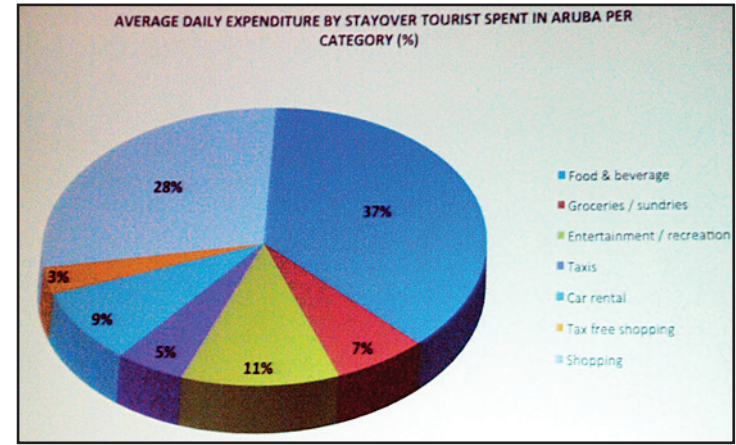
that almost any large business existing today started as a small or medium business. “Navigating through the maze of business ownership requires entrepreneurs to understand the changing landscape of today’s economy, as well as the ability to adapt and stay ahead of the competition, or better yet, create something with no competition.”

A glance at the information provided by the minister du-



Keynote Speaker Jerry Cartwright

ring her welcome would provide some basic guidelines for small businesses. An overwhelming percentage of small businesses in Aruba, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, are dedicated to wholesale and retail trade and motor vehicle repair (871). The second highest number of businesses was real estate, renting and business activities (655). The business numbering the least registered was fishing, with only 2. The concept of educating oneself on the competition, and seeking to provide something innovative, is the basis of any smart entrepreneur.



Tourist expenditure daily

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such enterprises that are so vital to Aruba’s economy. The topic of the morning was “New Economy and your Roadmap to Success.”

An international roster of guest speakers began with Jerry Cartwright, State Director of the Florida Small Business Development Center out of Pensacola, Florida, followed by Hilary Bengochea, Business Coach and founder of H.J. Bengochea & Associates, Trinidad & Tobago.

Moderator Ruben Trappenberg reminded the audience



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Labor Force 2012 survey is on

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The primary objective of the survey is to get a most actual view of the labor market of 2012. This Labor Force Survey will provide valuable information such as characteristics of employees, unemployed people and people economically inactive in our community. We would be able to use the information gathered to decipher the characteristics of our labor market, analyze more profoundly

and get a clear and actual picture of the market. Getting such a clear picture of our labor market will enable us to develop a more specific management policy so as to be able to comply with the demands of the labor market.

One very important indicator to derive from this survey will be the level of unemployment, the total number of unemployed people on Aruba and the level of unemployment under the youth (15 to 24 years of age) in 2012. This will help us to see how our labor market and economy developed during the past year.

Some 14 surveyors will be visiting homes between November 12th and 25th. They will be politely asking for your cooperation and participation. This year the survey will cover as many as 848 ad-

resses selected around the island. The homes selected will receive a letter in the mail during the course of the week telling them that they have been selected to participate in the survey.

The surveyors will be in every district from 8:00 in the morning up to 8:00 in the evening.

All information collected will be handled with the strictest confidence and will be collected anonymously. This labor survey can only be successful through the cooperation of each home. There will be flyers available to explain more on the process. In the event you have questions or need more information, please contact the Department of Labor & Investigation at Telephone: 583-7720.

Preparations have begun for the 2012 Shoco Awards of Excellence

ORANJESTAD -- This year, on December 9th, the recognition for those who have excelled in the tourism industry will be held. The Minister of Tourism, a few years ago, reached an agreement with AHATA to work together with the government on this important recognition. And, in 2010

they turned this award into a national event. This brought about some big changes which we saw in 2011. This year we can expect an even bigger event. One of the innovations is the creation of a Shoco Aruba Scholarship Award, which will focus on those heading in the direction of

tourism in their studies.

All students in their senior year at the EPI, HAVO or VWO schools, as well as those attending the University of Aruba are eligible to participate. They must submit an essay with the theme: "My commitment to Aruba." Why I deserve to win the Shoco Aruba Scholarship Award."

The essay must be of 1000 words, written in English on letter size paper. Or, they may submit the essay by email in a PDF format with Times Roman 12 point font. The student must provide information about their school as well.

They hope that many students will take this opportunity and show their commitment to Aruba, which may win them a nice scholarship which will contribute to their education and to the further development of our economic pillar, tourism.

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~ Matthew Henry

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Church of the Blessed Sacrament family festival raffle winners arrived on the island, gets warm welcome

The church of the Blessed Sacrament in Valley Stream New York is no stranger to the Island of Aruba. As not only is Tom Avallone long time resident of Aruba from that parish but so too is the Pastor Reverend Peter J. Dugandzic, who has been visiting the island each year with his colleges as timeshare owners.

As the parish has over 3,000 families with a Family of Faith over 10,000 strong servicing the Hungry and Homeless regardless of faith, offering Family Services without State or Federal Funding we rely solely on donations and your support. So Tom kicked off the fund raising drive by contacting Charly, Mr Aruba himself, Barrea to donate a stay at the Amsterdam Manor Resort Aruba.



Smiles from ear to ear radiated from the happy couple who just 8 years ago celebrated their 25th Anniversary here on Aruba too.

Mary Ann just called as of the writing of this column to tell me how happy the couple are on being back on Aruba relaxing and enjoying both the warmth and hospitality of the Island.

Staying in touch with the outside world via the internet is easy at the Amsterdam Manor Resort Aruba which keeps her close to her children, family and friends after spending the day at the beach enjoying the surf. A dip in the pool now will be followed by dinner tonight at Chalet Suisse. Bon Appetite.



Working with managing director Manager, Jurgen Van Schayk and Assistant Marketing and Sales Manager Charity Maduro a 3 night 4 day stay was to be offered as the Grand Prize.

The winners of that raffle, Mary Ann and Ronny Breuer a New York City Police Officer in the Communications Division arrived on Aruba yesterday to begin a week of romance, relaxation, fun and fine dining. When arriving they were met by Border Police Officer Inosencio Matos informing them that they were to enjoy all of its wonders and to stay as long as they so desired.



Romar Trading and Castello Banfi host a celebration of fine Italian wine and food



Romar Trading recently teamed up with Castello Banfi to host an elegant wine and food pairing dinner, celebrating fine Italian cuisine and wine at Hostaria da Vittorio.

Master Italian Chef Vittorio Muscariello prepared an exquisite five-course meal, with each dish complimented perfectly by its matching Banfi wine. To start off the dinner, guests were served Tuscan inspired Crostini, with cucumbers, tomatoes, celery, carrots, basil, anchovies and extra virgin olive oil, which was paired with the Banfi Brut. The Principessa Gavi Banfi provided the perfect counterpoint to the brininess of the following course: fresh mussels and clams sautéed

with fresh garlic, extra virgin olive oil and parsley. The next dish presented a baked breast of duck, with garlic, extra virgin olive oil, sage and rosemary, served with haricots verts and baked potatoes, accompanied by the Colvecchio Syrah Banfi.



Holding up well against the final Main Course, a Brunello di Montalcino Banfi was paired with veal Ossobucco, braised in white wine with fresh herbs and spices, and a black truffle risotto. Ending the evening on a sweet note, the dessert presented a baked tart, served with pears, chocolate and Chantilly cream, complimented by the



Rosa Regale Banfi.

The evening's guest of honor, Raymond Rivera, Export Manager for Castello Banfi, together with Romar Trading's wine artist Clive Faustin, had the pleasure of presenting each wine that was served, entertaining and also educating everyone about Castello Banfi.

In 1978 John and Harry Mariani, owners of the U.S. wine importer Banfi Vintners, established the award winning vineyard estate and winery Castello Banfi in the Brunello region of Tuscany. A constellation of single vineyards located on ideal sites cover about one third of the 7,100 acre estate. The remaining land consists of



bucolic meadows, olive and plum groves, and woodland. Central to the property is a medieval castle that functions as a hospitality center, hosting visitors at a full service restaurant, enoteca and museum dedicated to the history of glass and its relation to wine. Together with its sister estates in Piedmont, Vigne Regali and Principessa Gavia, it has become recognized the world over for its dedication to excellence and sparking a renaissance in the art of Italian winemaking.

Photos show everyone en-



joying a delightful evening of Tuscan food and wine, hosted by Romar Trading and Castello Banfi at Hostaria da Vittorio.



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Sunday, November 11th, 11/11/12, is 5 years to the day that William and Denise met and "rocked each others world". During a special celebration dinner Sunday, on the private pier of The Old Man and The Sea Restaurant in Savaneta, they pledged the vows of marriage to each other during an emotional wedding blessing ceremony officiated by Diane Keijzer.

A special thank you to the wonderful pampering of Suleika and Rocky, and the rest of the staff at the restaurant for making such a memorable evening for them.

by Diane Keijzer



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The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Bon Bini Festival is the only weekly folkloric event on the island. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature music by the traditional Aruba caha di orgel, folkloric music, dance performance and brass band.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.

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National Social Dialogue renders interesting investment stimuli



ORANJESTAD -- Reported-ly the IPC (Imputation Payment Company) introduced back in 2003 became a very un-attractive arrangement for most investors. For years they have been discussing, arguing and deliberating how to eliminate this negative fiscal product.

The government considers what transpired in this social dialogue as a historical and exceptional matter, the fact that they reached an agreement on this important issue, and was able to sign a protocol to this effect. The new IPC regimen

will be primarily to focus on attracting investors to Aruba. The stimulation of new activities such as the promotion of the economy of knowledge and investment in Green energy will be added to the list of current activities. Hotels will reduce their RevPar, under certain conditions. For example, the condition that they will focus on improving the environment.

Reportedly, certain fiscal changes and implementations introduced in 2006 created a negative environment for investing on Aruba. For example

the regimen of the AVV, the elimination of the "investersaftrek" (the non-deductible on investments), the introduction of the B.B.O. tax, etc. According to the current government all of those measures brought about deterioration in the financial climate for investments.

During the Social Dialogue, they agreed to re-introduce the "investersaftrek" to stimulate investment. The various points on which they reached a positive consensus are: the revision of the IPC regimen, the

introduction of a special zone in San Nicolas, reduction on taxes on furniture when these reach a value of 10 thousand Aruban florins per room, the possibility to deduct the interest in cases where there is local participation of the purchase. We understand that in due course the government will submit a formal list of all the agreements for the general public to be duly informed.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rice says happy to stay at UN for Obama

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Susan Rice, the top US diplomat at the center of speculation about a top job in the new Obama administration, said yesterday she is happy to remain the US ambassador to the United Nations.

US media reports have made Rice a strong contender to become US secretary of state in place of Hillary Clinton or President Barack Obama's national security adviser.

"I love my job here at the United Nations. I always have, I always will, especially today, and I look forward to continuing to serve for as long as President Obama would like me to," Rice told reporters after the United States secured a second term on the UN Human Rights Council.

The comment did little to

dampen speculation about Rice, whose place as a close adviser to Obama and experience as a diplomat is considered her main strength as a potential secretary of state.

Worries have been raised, however, that she could struggle to get Senate confirmation following a controversy over the attack on the US mission in Benghazi, Libya in September in which the US ambassador was killed.

Republican attacks have targetted Rice, who on the Sunday after the attack went on television talk shows and said that according to the information available at the time it was a "spontaneous" protest.

Clinton and Obama have both defended Rice saying that she had given the best information available.

Lawmakers ask why Obama not told of CIA scandal

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US lawmakers yesterday demanded to know why President Obama was not informed for several months that his CIA chief David Petraeus was under investigation in an explosive sex scandal.

It is reported that top FBI and Justice Department figures learned of the scandal late last summer but decided to leave both the White House and the

congressional committees that oversee their work in the dark until last week.

Key members of Congress demanded a fuller explanation of a liaison that could have involved a national security breach, arguing that hiding the investigation showed poor judgment by the FBI and senior Obama administration officials at the Justice Department.

Palestinians offer truce as Israel mulls response

NETIVOT, (AFP) - Gaza militants yesterday fired six rockets at southern Israel but later offered to cease fire if the Jewish state did the same, as the Israeli top brass weighed a stronger response to a flare-up in violence.

The number of rockets fired represented a significant drop from Sunday, when dozens of missiles crashed into southern Israel, prompting a series of overnight raids in retaliation.

The main Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, met and said they were ready for a ceasefire if Israel "stops its aggression" against the territory.

"The Islamic and nationalist movement confirm that the response of the resistance depends on whether the Zionist aggression against our people is continued," they said in a statement read out at a news conference in Gaza City.

A flare-up in violence since Saturday has claimed the lives of six Palestinians, as armed groups fired more than 115

rockets at Israel, wounding eight people.

Egyptian security sources said Cairo has been attempting to broker a ceasefire, with militants from Gaza's ruling Hamas movement and from Islamic Jihad saying they would observe any truce "provided Israel commits to doing the same."

On Sunday night, Israel carried out air strikes in north and southern Gaza, and Palestinian militants began launching rockets into Israel from around 7:30 am.

An initial count of 11 rockets was later revised down to six by the military, with the same number confirmed by the police. Two were intercepted by the Iron Dome anti-missile system. One rocket landed in Netivot where medics said they treated 26 people for shock.

Yesterday's rocket fire was claimed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Resistance Committees.

Israel's top military officials were said to be weighing whether to launch a more serious response to the flare-up, and Defence Minister Ehud Barak warned that efforts to stamp out rocket fire would intensify.

"These are very important days.... in light of the ongoing activity against Hamas and terror organisations in Gaza, which is likely to intensify and expand," he said, quoted by his office.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, touring southern Israel with foreign diplomats, warned that "the world must understand that Israel has the complete right and the obligation to protect its citizens."

"We shall not sit with our arms folded in the face of repeated, almost daily, attacks on our citizens," he added. "We shall act to stop it."

US ambassador Dan Shapiro, writing on Facebook, has said "the United States supports Israel's right to defend itself and its citizens from these attacks."

NY Times in spotlight as ex-BBC chief takes reins

NEW YORK (AFP) - Former BBC chief Mark Thompson assumed his new role at The New York Times Co. Monday amid questions about whether the crisis engulfing the British broadcaster would spill over to the US news organization.

Thompson, named in August as the US media firm's president and chief executive, remains part of the news even though he has denied any role in shelving an investigative report into sex abuse by the late BBC star Jimmy Savile.

The Times has reaffirmed support for Thompson and he

has said the scandals at the BBC would not affect his new job.

But as Thompson was readying his entry in New York, his successor as BBC director-general, George Entwistle, resigned Saturday after the broadcaster's flagship news program wrongly implicated a British politician in a separate child sex abuse scandal.

"Like many people, I'm very saddened by recent events at the BBC but I believe the BBC is the world's greatest broadcaster and I've got no doubt that it will once again re-

gain the public's trust both in the UK and around the world," Thompson told ITV, another British broadcaster, as he entered The Times headquarters.

He added that the scandals and probes at the BBC "will not in any way affect my job" at The Times.

Times chairman Arthur Sulzberger Jr last month reaffirmed support for Thompson, saying the ex-BBC chief provided a "detailed account" of his knowledge in the Savile case which showed "he played no role" in the cancellation of the investigative report.

Death toll in Ghana mall collapse rises to 14

AFP photo shows rescue workers combing through the rubble of a collapsed six-storey mall in Ghana.

The death toll from the collapse of a shopping mall in the Ghanaian capital last week has risen by two to 14, an army officer said yesterday.

An official investigating the collapse said the building, which opened early this year, lacked a permit and cited structural failure as the cause, adding that the concrete mix used did not appear up to standard.

Ghana's deputy information minister Okudzeto Ablakwa said that the owner of the building, Nana Kwesi Boadu, and a municipal official were being detained as part of the investigation



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Kenya police ambush toll rises to 42

NAIROBI (AFP) - The death toll from a weekend ambush on Kenyan police officers in the north of the country -- the deadliest ever -- has risen to 42 after more bodies were found, police said. Nine other officers are recovering in hospital from their wounds.

"We have never lost such a big number of officers," a police source said on condition of anonymity.

Officers hunting cattle thieves were ambushed by gunmen on Saturday in Baragoi, a remote district in Kenya's arid north.

The group of rustlers police were pursuing were already suspected of killing 13 people in a raid on October 30.

Police set out after the rustlers when a deadline for the return of the cattle expired.

Cattle theft and the ensuing clashes between rival pastoralist groups claim dozens of lives every year in arid northern Kenya. However, it is rare for police officers to be attacked by rustlers.

The violence is not believed to be linked to politics, but it raises concerns over security and a lack of police capacity in volatile areas ahead of elections due to take place in



PARIS -- The sister of Mohamed Merah, the Islamist gunman who shot seven people dead in Toulouse in March, is the subject of a criminal investigation after declaring herself proud of her brother in a television documentary, judicial sources said yesterday.

The probe will establish whether Souad Merah breached French legislation that prevents individuals from publicly defending terrorist acts.

A program broadcast by the M6 channel on Sunday included secretly-filmed footage of her saying she was "proud" of her brother for "fighting to the end."

Interior Minister Manuel Valls described her statements as "an apology for terrorism and anti-Semitism and a provocation to religious and racial hatred."



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Teen Dutch couple jailed for inciting Facebook murder

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A teenage Dutch couple was jailed yesterday for inciting another adolescent to stab a girl to death for allegedly posting derogatory comments on Facebook.

The 16-year-old female defendant, identified only as "Polly" because of her age, was handed the maximum sentence for a minor by the eastern Arnhem court.

"She was jailed for two years and sent to a youth psychiatric facility for three years, one suspended," court spokeswoman Marlou Nijland told

AFP.

Her accomplice and boyfriend at the time, identified as 18-year-old Wesley C., received the same sentence.

Details of the case shocked the nation when the court heard that the couple hired a teenage hitman to stab 15-year-old Joyce Hau to death on January 14.

The attack happened after Hau and Polly had a fight on the social networking site and derogatory comments were apparently posted.

Shortly afterwards, Wesley C. contacted Jing Hua K., 14,

and according to prosecutors asked him to "silence someone".

Jing Hua K. went to the victim's home, saying he had something to give her. When she came to the door he repeatedly stabbed her with a knife and then attacked her father, scarring his face for life.

The victim was left "in a lake of blood", judges said in September as they handed Jing Hua K. a one-year sentence and ordered him to spend at least two years in a psychiatric facility.

The girl died in hospital

five days after the attack.

Jing Hua K. was promised 150 euros (\$190) or "a few drinks" if he carried out the murder, the court heard.

"Both defendants have a personality disorder and the level of development of their socio-emotional functioning is lower than average," the verdict said.

More than 90 percent of Dutch citizens between the ages of 16 and 25 use social networking sites including Facebook, the central statistics office said.

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HEALTH & LIVING

WHO calls for more action in fight against illegal tobacco



REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SEOUL : World Health Organisation (WHO) director-general Margaret Chan delivers a speech during a meeting of the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) in Seoul on November 12, 2012. More than 170 countries

adopted what WHO chief Margaret Chan called a "game-changing" global pact to halt the smuggling and counterfeiting of tobacco products.

"I can think of no other undertaking that can make such a huge contribution to better health in every corner of the world. And that includes the health of young children and unborn babies," the Executive Director of the UN World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Margaret Chan, said. AFP PHOTO

Odour-eliminating pants are hot seller in Japan



TOKYO (AFP) - Underpants which are claimed to neutralise the smell of flatulence are proving a hit in Japan, whose hard-working businessmen seem to like the idea of breaking wind without getting rumbled.

A Japanese textile company has developed a range of underwear which it says prevent unwelcome odours.

"It took us a few years to develop the first deodorant pants that are comfortable enough to wear in daily life but efficient in quickly eliminating strong smells," said

Nami Yoshida, a spokeswoman for the company, Seiren.

"At first we thought about selling them to those who require nursing care and to hospitals.

"But to our surprise, lots of ordinary people, like businessmen who are in positions that require them to see people on a daily basis, bought them," she said.

The underwear is manufactured with niff-absorbing ceramic particles in the material fibres.

Seiren developed the technology after being contacted by a doctor who wanted something to disguise the regular parps emitted by people suffering from irritable bowel syndrome.

The company's range has now expanded to 22 items, including socks that prevent feet from smelling and t-shirts that mask the whiff of sweaty armpits.

Reappearance of Whooping Cough

The Department of Public Health (DESPA) advises that the population, particularly parents and teachers, take note that Whooping Cough, also known as Pertussis or Tosferina is demonstrating a resurgence. During the year 2012 the disease has been reported in countries around the world, among others Latin America, Europe and the US.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airways caused by Bordetella pertussis or Bordetella parapertussis bacteria. People with whooping cough are infectious from six days after exposure to the bacterium to three weeks after the 'whooping' cough begins. Whooping cough can be passed from person to person through droplets in the air from coughing and sneezing. The bacterium infects the lining of the airways, mainly the windpipe (trachea) and the two airways that branch off from it to the lungs (the bronchi). When the Bordetella pertussis bacterium comes into contact with the lining of these airways, it multiplies and causes a build-up of thick mucus. It is the mucus that causes the intense bouts of coughing as your body tries to expel it. The bacterium also causes the airways to swell up, making them narrower than usual. As a result, breathing is made difficult, which causes the 'whoop' sound as you gasp for breath after a bout of coughing.

Whooping cough tends to develop in stages, with mild symptoms occurring first, followed by a period of more severe symptoms, before improvement begins. The condition usually begins with a



persistent dry and irritating cough that progress to intense bouts of coughing. These are followed by a distinctive 'whooping' noise, which is how the condition got its name. Other symptoms include a runny nose, raised temperature and vomiting after coughing. The coughing can last for around three months (another name for whooping cough is the 'hundred day cough').

Babies and young children are usually most severely affected by whooping cough. They are most likely to develop severe complications such as:

- pneumonia, an infection that causes inflammation of the tissues in your lungs
- dehydration
- temporary pauses in breathing as a result of severe difficulty with breathing
- weight loss due to excessive vomiting
- seizures (fits)
- low blood pressure, requiring medication
- kidney failure, requiring temporary dialysis
- brain damage, if breathing difficulties prevent enough oxygen from getting to the brain
- Bluish skin color, which indicates a lack of oxygen

Severe complications such as pneumonia and brain damage can be fatal, although this is extremely rare.

DTaP vaccination, one of the recommended childhood immunizations, protects children against pertussis infec-

tion. DTaP vaccine can be safely given to infants. Five DTaP vaccines are recommended. They are usually given to children at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years. It is highly effective for the prevention of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis

On Aruba 93 percent of children are vaccinated against Whooping Cough. Babies receive their first shot as soon as they are weeks old. The shot protects babies until they complete their vaccination program at the age of 5. It is very important that children complete their vaccination program.

During a pertussis outbreak, un-immunized children under age 7 should not attend school or public gatherings, and should be isolated from anyone known or suspected to be infected. This should last until 14 days after the last reported case. The Department of Health advises parents and caretakers to protect young children, particularly recently born infants, from persons with flu symptoms. Carefully follow all coughing hygiene steps; washing hands, use a tissue when coughing and dispose of it accordingly.

If you are sure if your child or children have received all their vaccines, feel free to contact the White Yellow Cross of your neighborhood or the Youth Health Care Division of the Department of Public Health at tel. 522-2400 address: van Leeuwenhoekstraat # 14, Oranjestad.

If a child shows one or more of the abovementioned symptoms contact your house doctor as soon as possible and take the necessary hygienic precautions.

SCI-TECH

New BlackBerry to launch *January 30*



OTTAWA (AFP) - The launch for the new BlackBerry 10 platform will be held January 30, as smartphone maker Research In Motion tries to regain traction against surging rivals.

The Canadian firm said Monday the launch "will happen simultaneously in multiple countries around the world."

The struggling tech firm will unveil two new smartphones as well as the BlackBerry 10 operating system, aimed at regaining momentum against smartphones from Apple and those using Google's Android operating system.

"In building BlackBerry 10, we set out to create a truly unique mobile computing experience that constantly adapts to your needs," RIM chief executive Thorsten Heins said.

"Our team has been working tirelessly to bring our customers innovative features combined with a best in class browser, a rich application ecosystem, and cutting-edge multimedia capabilities. All of this will be integrated into a user experience -- the BlackBerry Flow -- that is unlike any smartphone on the market today."

The launch comes with RIM, once the dominant smartphone maker, rapidly losing market share.

The BB10 itself was to have been launched in late 2010, but the company in June announced a delay, a move which means it will miss the critical holiday shopping period.

If it fails to impress, observers are predicting the end of RIM.

India unveils new version of 'world's cheapest tablet'

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India has launched a new version of what is dubbed the world's cheapest computer -- on sale to students at the subsidised price of \$20 -- with a quicker processor and an improved battery.

The Aakash tablet has been developed as a public-private partnership aimed at making computing technology available to students in a country where only one in ten uses the Internet.

Makers of the tablet, Britain-based Datawind, say

the Aakash 2 is powered by a processor that runs three times faster than the original. It also has a bigger touch screen and a battery with a life of three hours.

Company CEO Suneet Singh Tuli said glitches in the first version have been removed in the latest model, which runs on Google's Android operating system.

"This time we have done our homework and all the problems which were found in Aakash-1 have been dealt with," Tuli told AFP.



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China's endangered pandas face bamboo shortage threat



PARIS (AFP) - Their numbers already threatened by a slow breeding rate and rapid habitat loss, China's endangered giant pandas now also risk losing their staple food, bamboo, to climate change, a report said recently.

A study in China's north-western Qinling Mountains, home to around 270 pandas -- about a fifth of the world's wild population -- predicts a "substantial" bamboo decline this century as the globe warms.

"The pandas may face a shortage of food unless they can find alternative food resources," a team of researchers from the United States and China warn in the journal Nature Climate Change.

The international symbol of environmental conservation efforts, the giant panda is a picky eater.

Ninety-nine percent of its diet consists of bamboo -- devouring up to 38 kilograms (84 pounds) per day. This means the iconic black-and-white bear's survival is closely linked to a thriving bamboo habitat.

Bamboo itself also has a slow reproductive rate, flowering only every 30 to 35 years, which means it would be slow to adapt to a change in local climate, said a statement on the research.

Based on the data gathered for this study, researchers predict that three bamboo species which make up almost the entire diet of

the Qinling pandas, will all but disappear in a warmer climate.

"Results suggest that almost the entire panda habitat in the region may disappear by the end of the 21st century," said the study report.

The calculations are based on different warming scenarios projected by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change -- ranging from rises of two to five degrees Celsius (35.6 to 41 degrees Fahrenheit) in summer by century's end, and three to eight degrees C in winter.

These projections were collated with data on rainfall and greenhouse gas emissions as well as historical growth patterns, to consider the future of bamboo.

Already, deforestation is threatening the survival of about half of all bamboo species worldwide.

The researchers say bamboo distribution has historically fluctuated in response to changes in the climate.

In the modern era, though, even if other areas were to become climatically more suited for bamboo growth, these would be far away and fall outside the present network of protected panda reserves.

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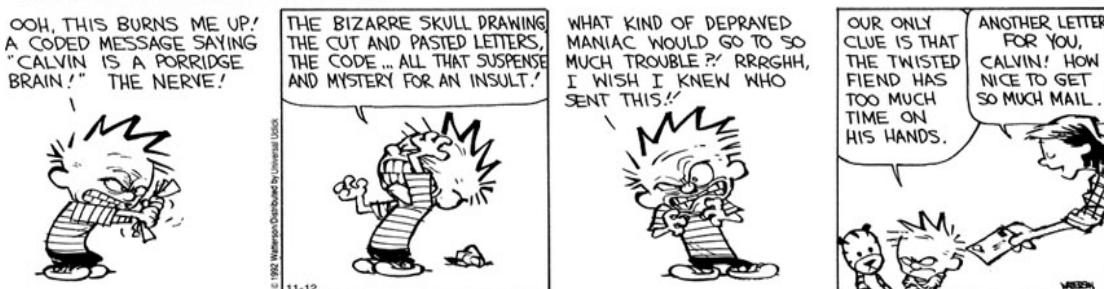
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12. Former, once
13. Hopelessly confused
14. Opposer's vote
15. Resemble
17. Make a knot
18. Herd members
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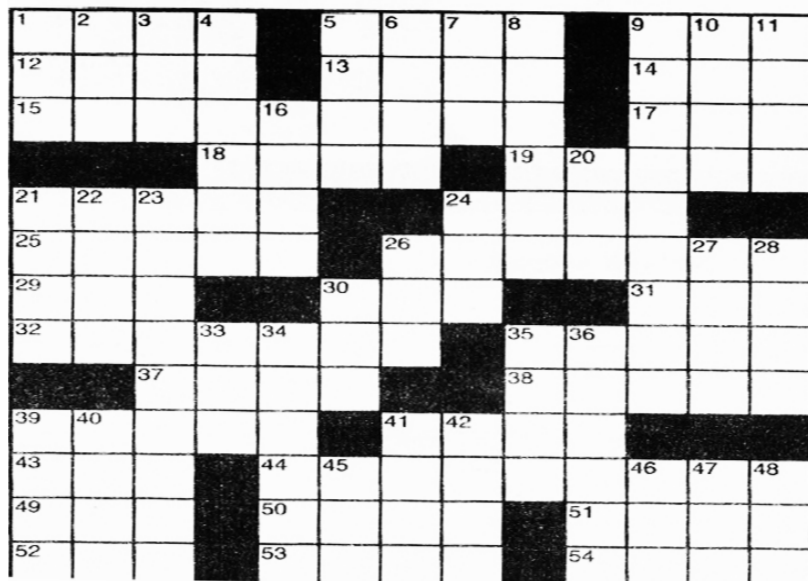
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50. "...on earth as ___ in heaven"
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- operatic prince
52. Prosecutor Starr
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2. Important period
3. Pose a question
4. Tommy of "Half a Sixpence"
5. Unthreatened
6. WWII boats
7. Giant's shoe width?
8. He holds the key to

- freedom
9. Accepting bribes
10. "Jump, Jive, and ___"
11. Regards
16. Thunder-struck
20. Parseghian of Notre Dame
21. Festoon
22. "The Miller's ___" (Chaucer)
23. Surpassed
24. Married
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27. Diner sign
28. Was a passenger
30. Canadian province: abbr.
33. Impair
34. Mame or Em
35. Baryshnikov's birthplace
36. Saudi ___
39. Sausage unit
40. Fish-eating bird
41. "___ from Muskogee"
42. Without: suffix
45. Barrister: abbr.
46. Cabinet department: abbr.
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48. Clock units: abbr.



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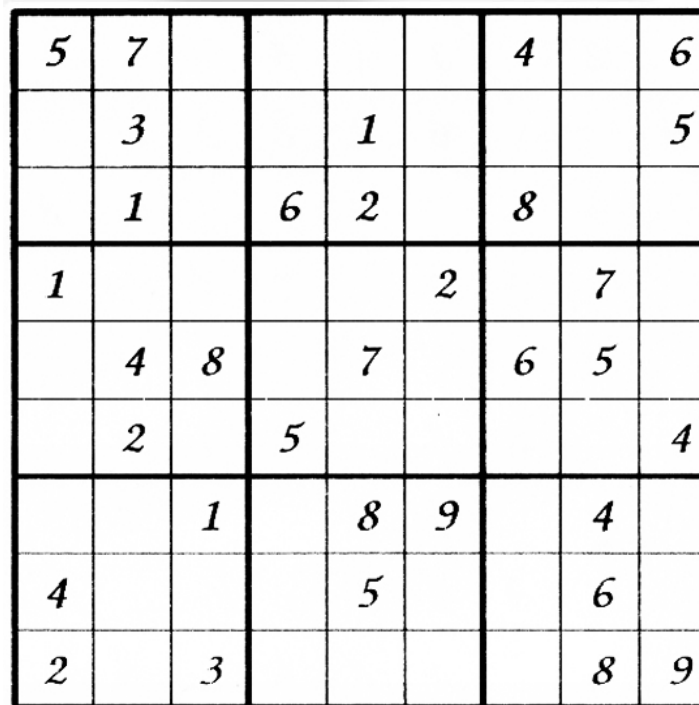
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8	2	5	7	9	4	3	6	1
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Finance

Small Business Week program opens at Renaissance Convention Center



Minister explains new small loan fund attempting to establish

The ministry and government are working together to stimulate small business by drastically lowering the cost of registration and changes. A free service through the agency IDEA, (Iniciativo pa Desaroyo di Empresa Arubano) provides counseling and on what is required to start a business, and has advised 122 new or growing small companies since opening their doors earlier this year.

It was also announced the ministry is working to establish a "Micro Credit Fund" through the Volks Kredit Bank (VKB) which will provide up to 35,000 Aruban florins (\$20,000) for promising business plans that meet their re-

quirements.

Yesterday's evening session featured Mrs. Patricia Loui, Director of the Export Import Bank of the U.S., with closing remarks from Managing Director of Arubabank, sponsors of the event, Marcelline Richardson. The topic was "Formula for Success."

Today's sessions cover "How Free Zone Aruba can Help Your Business Grow," and "The ABC's of Starting your business," featuring Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar and Rowena Geerman, Business Advisor at IDEA, is the topic of the evening session, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Tomorrow's topics will be "Writing a Business Plan that

MONDAY'S Crossword Answer



Opens Doors," and a Master Class Cake Design."Baking Your Way to Success," with Yvonne Godoy, Director of Cake Du Fortin, Holland.

Thursday's program is dedicated to "What You Need to Know about Franchising" with Jaime Maduro, Director of Subway Aruba and Julio Estremera, Certified Business Analyst for the Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center.

The final day of Small Business Week 2012, Friday, is filled with lectures on practical aspects of doing business. It will start with a Small Business Tax Workshop followed by "Micro Business & Micro Financing." The short sessions will continue with "Use of



Hilary Bengochea of Choach Bengo

Digital Media in Small Business," "Unlocking Sales Potential Through Customer Service," "Market your Business the Right Way," Prepare for Financing and Banking," "Make Your Business Greener," and finally "Insure your Business and Employees Properly."

According to the CBS and ministry, Aruba's business profile is comprised of 94% micro, small or medium businesses contributing around 60-70% of the nation's GDP. Small companies which may have missed the first day can still register at the website: <http://www.arubasmallbusinessweek.com/> and attend the remaining sessions.

Rosalie Klein

EU suspends controversial aviation carbon tax

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union executive caved in to critics of its contested carbon tax on air travel yesterday, offering to "stop the clock" and suspend the measure for a year on flights to and from non-European nations.

The EU's climate commissioner Connie Hedegaard said at a hastily-arranged news conference that she had just recommended in a phone conversation with the 27 EU nations that the tax be suspended in the interests of negotiating a global CO2 deal.

"Finally we have a chance to get an international regulation on emissions from aviation," Hedegaard said, referring to progress on the matter at a Friday meeting of the

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal.

"But let me be very clear: if this exercise does not deliver -- and I hope it does, then needless to say we are back to where we are today with the EU ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme). Automatically!" she stressed.

The suspension of the CO2 tax would affect flights "to and from non-European countries", meaning European airlines will continue to pay.

Hedegaard said she had recommended "stopping the clock for one year," until after the next ICAO general assembly in autumn 2013, due to signs at Friday's ICAO talks of a move towards a global deal, or "market based mechanism".

Swiss lawmakers to probe handing bank data to US

GENEVA (AFP) - A Swiss parliamentary commission said yesterday it would investigate a government decision earlier this year to allow banks to hand over data on their employees to Washington as part of a tax evasion probe.

The management commission of the lower house of parliament said in a statement it had "opened an investigation into the decisions taken by the government on January 18 and April 4, 2012 concerning the transfer of bank data and data on bank employees to US authorities."

In an unprecedented move, the Swiss government gave 11 Swiss banks the go-ahead to accommodate Washington and hand over the names of thousands of their staff and consultants working with American clients.

In addition to providing personal information about staff to the US tax authorities, the banks have also reportedly

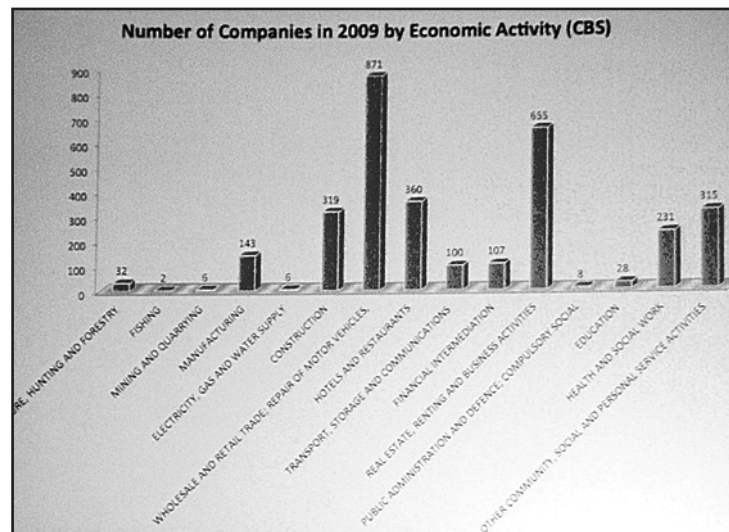
made available personal documents, emails and details of telephone calls.

The government decision came after Swiss lawmakers approved a revised tax deal with the United States that eased banking secrecy rules, allowing US authorities to more easily obtain details of tax cheats from Swiss banks.

The government's and the banks' actions caused an uproar in Switzerland and especially among the affected bank employees, many of whom have said they no longer dare travel to the United States for fear they could face charges of assisting tax evaders.

The parliamentary commission said yesterday it had ordered a probe aimed at casting light on the circumstances surrounding the government decision, and that it would consider whether there should be "consequences."

It did not say how long the probe was expected to take.



Definition of Aruban companies

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Britain	GBP	2.76	2.81	2.87
Switzerland	CHF	187.95	188.67	189.47
Netherlands	EUR	224.77	226.82	229.10
Sweden	SEK	25.45	26.17	26.97
Denmark	DKK	29.45	30.17	30.97
Norway	NOK	30.09	30.81	31.61
Japan	JPY	222.25	224.28	226.54
(per 10,000)				
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Swiss watches tick to Chinese heartbeat



An employee of Swiss watchmaker Hublot works on a watch intended for the Chinese market

GENEVA (AFP) - With the Chinese increasingly coveting European luxury goods, Swiss watchmakers are eyeing a huge new market for their wares, but disagree on the best way of capturing it.

The question being mulled by famous Swiss watch brands is whether to create more specialty editions aimed at appealing specifically to the Chinese or instead simply wait for fast-shifting Chinese tastes to adapt to European fashion.

At a Hublot workshop in Nyon, a small town set on the shores of Lake Geneva between Geneva and Lausanne, workers clad in white lab coats huddle around an extra slim watch conceived specially for the Chinese market.

As they carefully place the dainty hands on the titanium face, Hublot spokeswoman Anais Treand insists that the watch, priced at 14,300 Swiss francs (\$15,100, 12,700 euros), will be a hit in China since it is "light and delicate".

This year, China accounted for 7.8 percent of Swiss watch exports in terms of value, according to the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry, and watchmakers claim there is plenty of room for expansion.

The company, which since 2008 belongs to French group LVMH, has decided to adapt to the Chinese with special marketing and products in a bid to capture a chunk of this massive potential market, he said.

Other brands have also jumped on the Chinese bandwagon, producing often very limited and exclusive models inspired by Chinese culture.

Geneva watchmaker Vacheron Constantin has thus just launched the "Legend of the Chinese Zodiac" - a series of luxury timepieces based on a 12-year cycle beginning with the Year of the Snake.

In famous watchmaking city La Chaux-de-Fonds, in

western Switzerland, Jaquet Droz has meanwhile just launched two limited series featuring two orange tigers and two yellow dragons hand-painted on off-white enamel baked at more than 800 degrees Celsius -- a traditional Chinese technique.

"These kinds of pieces are very successful in Asia, but not only there," said Jenna Racine, a spokeswoman for the brand, which has a long history of catering to Chinese desires; back in the 18th century it was the first to ever import watches into the Forbidden City.

But others in the industry caution against pandering to Chinese tastes, which they say are changing quickly.

"The extreme focus on China is dangerous," said Thierry Stern, the head of Geneva watchmaker Patek Philippe, in an interview with Swiss daily Le Temps earlier this year.

Biver of Hublot agreed that "you shouldn't adapt too much to (the Chinese), because when they evolve, you won't be on their wavelength any longer."

According to Marc Hayek, the head of Blancpain, a

brand belonging to Swatch, future sales depend not only on the Chinese market itself but also on wealthy Chinese tourists abroad.

Swiss financial daily Handelszeitung has for instance calculated that each Chinese tourist visiting the central Swiss city of Lucern -- around 90,000 last year alone -- spends an average of 2,000 Swiss francs on Swiss watches.

Hayek, the grandson of Swatch founder Nicolas Hayek, is himself wearing a Blancpain watch specially made for the Chinese, crafted in platinum and equipped with a traditional Chinese calendar and hours, one of which corresponds to 120 minutes, along with Zodiac symbols and lunar phases.

But despite his own delicate timepiece worth 82,000 Swiss francs, he insists catering to Chinese tastes should be undertaken with care, since watches should "remain truly 100 percent within the DNA of the brand".

While Swiss watchmakers face off against each other, the biggest threat to their Chinese ambitions may just come from within the country.

In a recent interview with Swiss trade publication Watch Around, Bruce Du, who heads Chinese watch brand FIYTA, stressed his company was focusing heavily on producing luxury watches with quality matching the famous Swiss brands.

And with its recent purchase of Geneva brand Montres Chouriet, FIYTA may just have the means to be a fierce competitor.

Jermaine Jackson comes clean on 'Jacksun' name tweak



PARIS (AFP) - Michael Jackson's older brother Jermaine explained Monday he had registered the name "Jacksun" as an official pseudonym because he loves the sun -- but that his legal name remained unchanged.

"I didn't change my name," Jackson told a press conference in Paris when asked about reports he petitioned a US court last

week to let him tweak the spelling of his famous surname to "Jermaine Jacksun".

"I just changed one letter because I love the sun. The sound is the same," he explained, based on a French translation of his comments.

"It is still 'Jackson', it is just J-a-c-k-s-u-n, but that's for me personally", he added in English, saying he had had the pseudonym registered with a lawyer.

"In the business my last name will always remain J-a-c-k-s-o-n."

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" -- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -- "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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WADA calls for wider effort to tackle sports doping

PARIS (AFP) - The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on Monday called for wider efforts to tackle the use of banned substances in sport, warning that lack of funding was hampering its fight against increasingly sophisticated cheating.

"With \$25-30 million (20-24 million euros of funding) a year, WADA's budget is less than some European footballers earn," the organisation's director-general David Howman told a conference in Paris.

"The (Lance) Armstrong affair especially has shown that we're dealing with a more



and more highly developed process, a real conspiracy,

with unwarranted pressures on teams," he added, referring to the shamed US cyclist.

"WADA isn't in a position to tackle this type of sophisticated cheating."

The president of the International Olympic Committee, Jacques Rogge, added: "The fight against doping is too big for a single organisation to tackle on its own."

One way that the industry had helped so far was by making available to WADA samples of certain medications not yet available to the wider public to help develop tests more quickly and effectively when they are adapted for illegal use in sport.

Philip Thomson, a senior vice-president at global pharma giant GlaxoSmithKline, said the company was working on three new medicines and had provided samples from one to WADA to be tested.

Rogge, however, said that sport also needed to enlist the support of law enforcement agencies to fight against doping, given that it frequently had links to "other forms of corruption".

Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, assistant secretary-general of the Council of Europe, added: "The economic stakes are high and therefore give rise to corruption through illegal betting and match-fixing."

"There is complicity in everything criminal around sport and that impacts on doping and performance," she told delegates, adding that the council started work three weeks ago on a new convention against match-fixing.

Armstrong steps down from Livestrong board

CHICAGO (AFP) - Disgraced cycling star Lance Armstrong has stepped down from the board of the cancer-fighting Livestrong charity he founded 15 years ago in the wake of a huge doping scandal.

Armstrong voluntarily resigned from the board on November 4, nearly three weeks after he stepped down as chairman, his replacement said in a statement provided to AFP on Monday.

He did so "to spare the organization any negative effects as a result of controversy surrounding his cycling career," chairman Jeff Garvey said.

Armstrong has not completely severed ties with the foundation but "his visibility will be reduced," added communications chief Katherine

McLane.

"Although he has no formal leadership role with the organization and the foundation is focusing on elevating the voices and stories of survivors all around the world not just a single individual, he is still the foundation's creator," she said in a telephone interview.

"We count on him to remain active in the cancer cause, whether that's with the foundation or whatever form he chooses his advocacy to take."

Armstrong was issued a life ban and stripped of seven Tour de France titles in August by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), which last month revealed 1,000 pages of evidence against him, including testimony from 11 former teammates.

Olympic champs Felix, Eaton honored

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (AFP) - Allyson Felix and Ashton Eaton were named the winners of the 2012 Jesse Owens Award on Monday, given annually by USA Track and Field to the country's outstanding athletics performers.

At the London Olympics, Felix won three gold medals, finally capturing a long-awaited individual gold in the 200m and also striking gold in the 4x400m relay and in the world-record setting 4x100m relay.

Eaton's 2012 season started with a national title in the long jump at the US in-

door championships.

From there he went on to better his own world record in the heptathlon as he won the World Indoor Championships with 6,645 points.

At the Olympic Trials, Eaton set a world record of 9,039 points in the rain-soaked decathlon competition in Eugene.

He went on to win Olympic gold in London with a total of 8,869 points.

Eaton and Felix will be presented with their awards on Saturday, December 1, at the Jesse Owens Hall of Fame Banquet.



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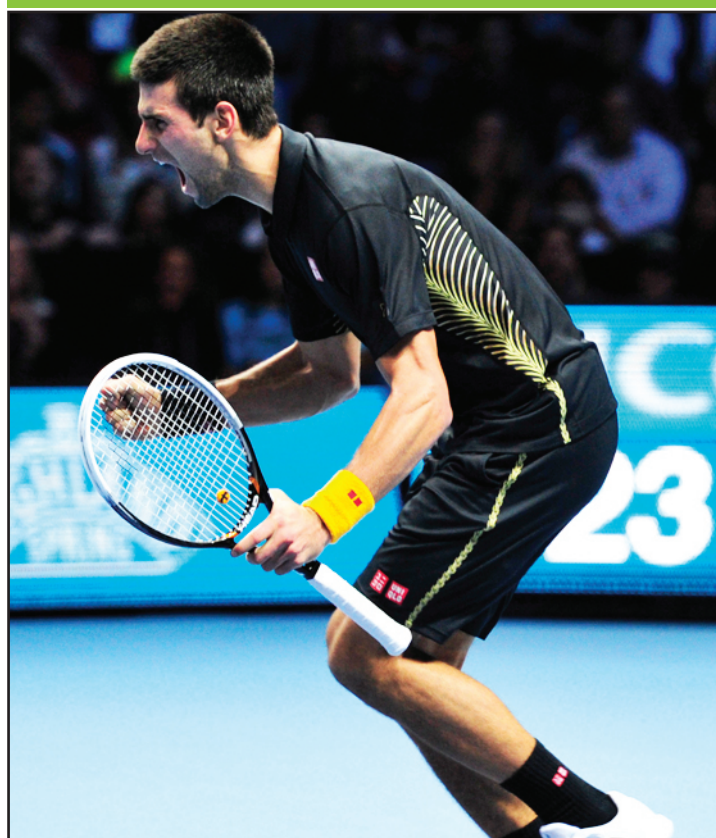
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Djokovic sinks Federer to win Tour Finals



LONDON (AFP) - Novak Djokovic produced a masterful display to end Roger Federer's reign as ATP Tour Finals champion as the world number one swept to a 7-6 (8/6), 7-5 victory in the final on Monday.

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Brown was fired after the Lakers 1-4 start to the season. Under interim coach Bernie Bickerstaff they have since won two games.

A Lakers statement said owner Jerry Buss, executive vice president Jim Buss and general manager Mitch Kupchak "were unanimous that D'Antoni was the best coach for the team at this time."

The Los Angeles Times reported that Bickerstaff would remain in that role until D'Antoni takes over, possibly within a week or two. D'Antoni is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

D'Antoni has previously been the head coach for Den-

ver, Phoenix and most recently the New York Knicks. He resigned as Knicks head coach last March with the team just 18-24, and was 121-167 in nearly four full seasons with New York.

On Saturday Jackson appeared to be the top contender for the job, although on Sunday there were reports of various issues between him and the club ranging from his reluctance to travel to all away games and Jackson's desire to have input into personnel decisions.

In two prior stints with the Lakers, Jackson guided the club to five titles. He spent five seasons as head coach in Los Angeles, from 1999-2004, winning three titles.

He then sat out a year before returning for a six-year run that featured back-to-back championships.

Jackson, who guided Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls to six championships, retired in May of 2011 after the Dallas Mavericks swept Los Angeles from the playoffs to end a Lakers season that Jackson had said would be his last.

Eagles QB Vick has 'significant' concussion - coach

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (AFP) - Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick has a "pretty significant" concussion, coach Andy Reid said Monday.

Vick threw a touchdown pass on the first drive of Philadelphia's NFL loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday, but took two hard hits on back-to-back plays early in the second quarter and left the game.

Nick Foles, taken in the third round of the NFL draft

Saints bring down high-flying Falcons

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AFP) - The New Orleans Saints handed the high-flying Atlanta Falcons their first defeat of the NFL season on Sunday, the Saints defense holding firm in the waning minutes of a 31-27 triumph.

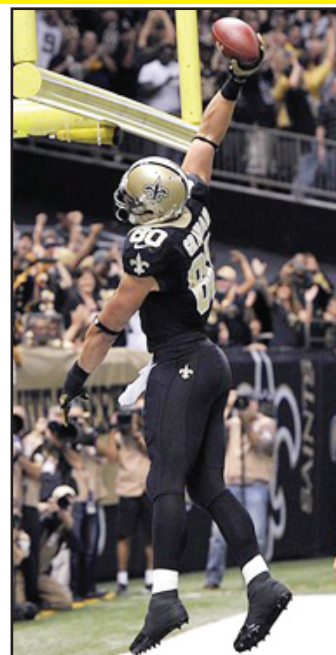
The Saints stopped Atlanta twice in the closing minutes to stun their National Conference South division rivals.

Atlanta, who fell to 8-1, trailed by four at 31-27 when quarterback Matt Ryan led the Falcons to the Saints' one-yard line with two minutes remaining. The Saints kept them out of the end zone, but Atlanta got the ball back one more time with 37 seconds remaining, and again were unable to score.

"Big win for our football team -- we played a heck of a team in Atlanta," said Saints coach Joe Vitt.

Saints quarterback Drew Brees completed 21-of-32 passes for 298 yards, three touchdowns and one interception in guiding New Orleans to their second straight victory.

"I felt like this was a very



Saints' tight-end Jimmy Graham celebrates hard-fought football game in terms of the effort," Falcons coach Mike Smith said. "We made way too many mistakes."

In San Francisco, David Akers and Greg Zuerlein both missed field goals in overtime and the San Francisco 49ers and the St. Louis Rams played to a 24-24 tie, the first tie in the NFL since November of 2008.

The 49ers' Akers had sent the game into overtime with a 33-yard field goal with three seconds left in regulation. His overtime effort was wide left.

Zuerlein initially nailed a 53-yard attempt on St. Louis' ensuing series, but a delay of game penalty was called. The rookie kicker then missed from 58 yards.

San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith ended the game on the sidelines, throwing for 72 yards and a touchdown before departing with a concussion late in the first quarter.

Chicago and Philadelphia also saw their signal-callers exit early with concussions.

Bears quarterback Jay Cutler took a hard hit to the head in the second quarter and didn't come back after halftime in a 13-6 loss to Houston -- who improved to 8-1 with the victory.

Eagles quarterback Michael Vick departed with a concussion in the second quarter of a 38-23 loss to NFC East rivals Dallas.

Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant made a spectacular touchdown catch on the final play of the third quarter.

Dwayne Harris then returned a punt 78 yards for a go-ahead score 1:25 into the fourth, and Brandon Carr picked off a pass by back-up Falcons quarterback Nick Foles and returned it for a touchdown.

The victory allowed the Cowboys to gain on division leaders the New York Giants, who were stunned 31-13 by the Cincinnati Bengals.

In Minneapolis, Adrian Peterson ran for 171 yards and a touchdown as the Minnesota Vikings posted a 34-24 victory over NFC North division rivals Detroit.

The Baltimore Ravens set a new club record for points scored in a game with a 55-20 triumph over Oakland.

New England continued their home dominance of Buffalo with a 37-31 victory.

Tom Brady threw for 237 yards and two touchdowns for the Patriots, who won their third straight game and their 11th straight against the Bills at Gillette Stadium.

In other games, Tennessee thumped Miami 37-3, Denver downed Carolina 36-14, Tampa Bay beat San Diego 34-24 and Seattle beat the New York Jets 28-7.

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Lakers appoint D'Antoni as new coach



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Los Angeles Lakers have appointed Mike D'Antoni as their new coach on a multi-year contract, the NBA team's spokesman John Black announced.

D'Antoni takes over from Mike Brown, who was sacked last Friday, and his hiring brought an abrupt end to speculation that Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson would come out of retirement

to coach the Lakers.

The underachieving team is due to hold a press conference to announce the deal either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Kobe Bryant and Steve Nash have both supported the appointment, according to the Lakers' website on Monday.

Nash played for D'Antoni in Phoenix when the point guard won consecutive Most Valuable Player awards in 2005 and 2006, and Bryant worked with D'Antoni this summer when the coach was an assistant on the US Olympic team staff.

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McIlroy, Woods head Player of Year ballot

PONTE VEDRA BEACH (AFP) - Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods were among five players nominated Monday for the PGA Tour player of the year award that will be voted on by their peers.

Northern Ireland star McIlroy is the clear favourite after leading the tour with four wins, including an eight-shot victory at the PGA Championship.

He also won the Vardon Trophy and the US money title. The world number one also claimed the European money title, joining Luke Donald as the only players to top the earnings list in both Europe and the United States.

Woods captured three US

PGA Tour titles this year. Also on the ballot are FedEx Cup champion Brandt Snedeker, Masters champion Bubba Watson and Jason Dufner.

The five candidates for rookie of the year are John Huh, Sweden's Jonas Blixt, Charlie Beljan, Ted Potter Jr. and Bud Cauley, the only rookie contender not to win this year.

Huh is the only rookie who qualified for the Tour Championship.

PGA Tour members who played in at least 15 official money events in 2012 are eligible to vote, with the results to be announced in early December.



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